

BISON AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the taking or pursuit of bison.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the issuance of 365-day bison permits under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ clarifies the application of the title to a bison permit.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

23-19-50, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **23-19-50** is enacted to read:

23-19-50. Year round hunting permit for bison.

(1) Subject to the requirements of this section, the division shall issue a 365-day permit to an individual to take or pursue a bison through any legal means if:

(a) the taking or pursuing occurs on land that is not covered by a bison management



28 plan adopted by the director of the division;

29 (b) the individual pays the applicable fee set in accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#); and

30 (c) the individual is otherwise eligible to take or pursue big game if issued a permit.

31 (2) A permit issued under this section or an individual issued a permit under this

32 section is subject to the requirements of this title for hunting big game except for requirements

33 related to seasons.